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1. WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WHICH
APPEARED IN THE MARCH 1 EDITION OF THE CALCUTTA STATESMAN.
"PEOPLE TRICKLING IN FROM BANGLADESH AGAIN". TEXT: "SILIGURI,
FEB 28-SMALL GROUPS OF PEOPLE HAVE ONCE AGAIN STARTED TRICKLING
INTO ADJACENT AREAS OF NORTH BENGAL FROM BANGLADESH. ALTHOUGH
THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF SUCH MIGRANTS CAN NEVER BE KNOWN,
COMPETENT SOURCES BELIEVE THAT ABOUT 1,000 HAVE ROUND THEIR WAY
INTO WEST DINAJPUR DISTRICT ALONE DURING THE CURRENT MONTH. LAST
YEAR THOUSANDS OF BANGALIS SWAMPED THE BORDER DISTRICTS OF COOCH
BEHAR AND JALPATGURI AND MADE A BEELINE FOR THE GRUEL KITCHENS
OPENED ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER FOR THE FAMINE STRICKEN PEOPLE.

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2. THE PRESENT MIGRANTS, MOSTLY HINDUS, HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES
FOR A DIFFERENT REASON-LACK OF SECURITY AND RAPIDLY DETERIORATING
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN BANGLADESH. ALMOST ALL OF THEM HAVE THEIR
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER. THE BSF ARE
PUSHING BACK THESE ILLEGAL ENTRANTS WHEREVER THEY CAN.
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